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Final Technical Report

The graduate student supported initially under this DEPSCoR agreement was Russell Lloyd Carr, social security number and the complete of the completed his Ph.D. requirements in 1994 in the interdisciplinary Animal Physiology program at Mississippi State University. Prior to enrollment at Mississippi State University, he had received a B.S. in biology and chemistry from Delta State University, Cleveland, MS, in 1987. He received an M.S. in Biological Sciences from Mississippi State University in 1990. He made excellent grades in his doctoral program, and did an excellent job with his research. Since his graduation he has remained in a research capacity at Mississippi State University, as a post-doctoral associate from 1994-1995, and as a Research Toxicologist from 1995 through the present. He currently does research in neurotoxicology, and the training in receptor toxicology he received during his tenure on the AFOSR project was extremely important to the expertise needed for his current research activities.

Following Dr. Carr's graduation, Ms. Terrilyn Theon Atterberry, social security number a United States citizen and a black female, was placed on this project. She had received her B.S. in Biological Sciences from Mississippi State University, and her M.S. at Mississippi State University in the Animal Physiology program. She is currently enrolled in a Ph.D. program in the Veterinary Medical Sciences program, but may move into the newly established Environmental Toxicology program, since the latter program is more consistent with her career interests. Ms. Atterberry has made exceptionally fine progress with her doctoral program, in both her course work and her research. She will be taking preliminary examinations within the next few months, and will be graduating in 1999. The experience she gained in neurochemistry on the AFOSR project has been a great deal of help to her in her graduate training.

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TABLE 1 CHARACTERISTICS OF [35 S]TBPS SPECIFIC BINDING TO BRAIN P₂ MEMBRANES OF CHANNEL CATFISH

		K_d^{-1} (nM)		B _{max} (pmol/mg P)		
High Affinity Site	26.40	土	5.70	2.95	±	0.57
Low Affinity Site	1128.98	±	263.92	5.14	土	0.83

 $^{^{1}}$ Values Expressed as Mean \pm S.E.

· TABLE 2

INHIBITION OF TBPS BINDING TO CATFISH BRAIN GABA RECEPTORS BY VARIOUS ORGANOCHLORINE COMPOUNDS

Compound	IC ₅₀ ¹ (nM)			
12-Ketoendrin	19.97	±	3.93	
Photoheptachlor Epoxide	20.82	±	4.65	
Photoheptachlor	25.23	±	6.21	
Telodrin	39.80	土	6.25	
Endrin	89.83	土	14.74	
Photooxychlordane	122.48	土	18.61	
Photo α-Chlordane	186.03	土	30.71	
Oxychlordane	218.69	土	57.20	
Isodrin	310.56	±	60.16	
Heptachlor Epoxide	330.12	±	33.93	
Dieldrin	592.49	土	104.95	
Lindane	888.81	±	23.25	
Heptachlor	2073.74	±	148.05	
Aldrin	2140.28	±	383.43	
Chlordene	10201.91	±	1270.25	
Chlordecone (Kepone)	21177.90	土	2110.87	
Mirex	No Inh	ibitio	n	

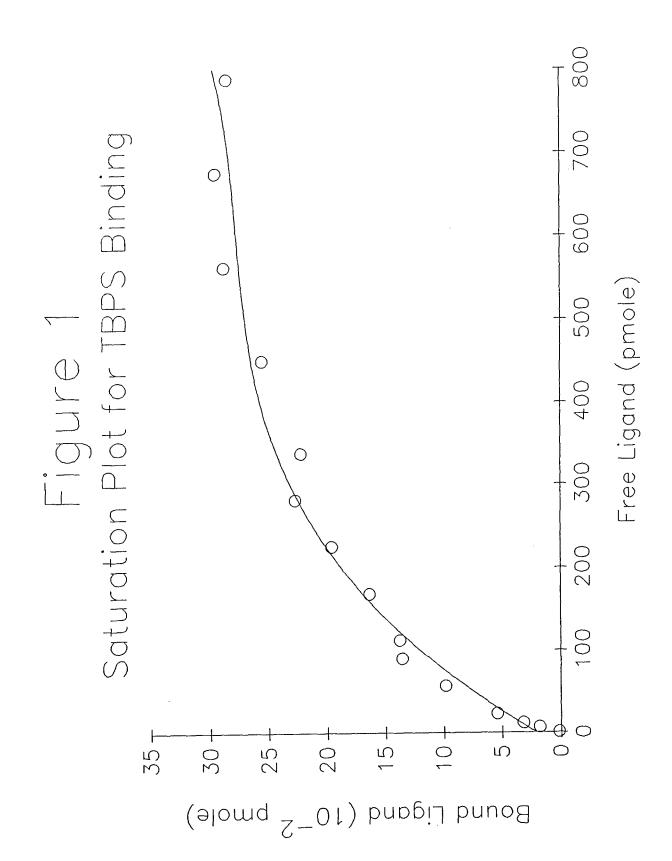
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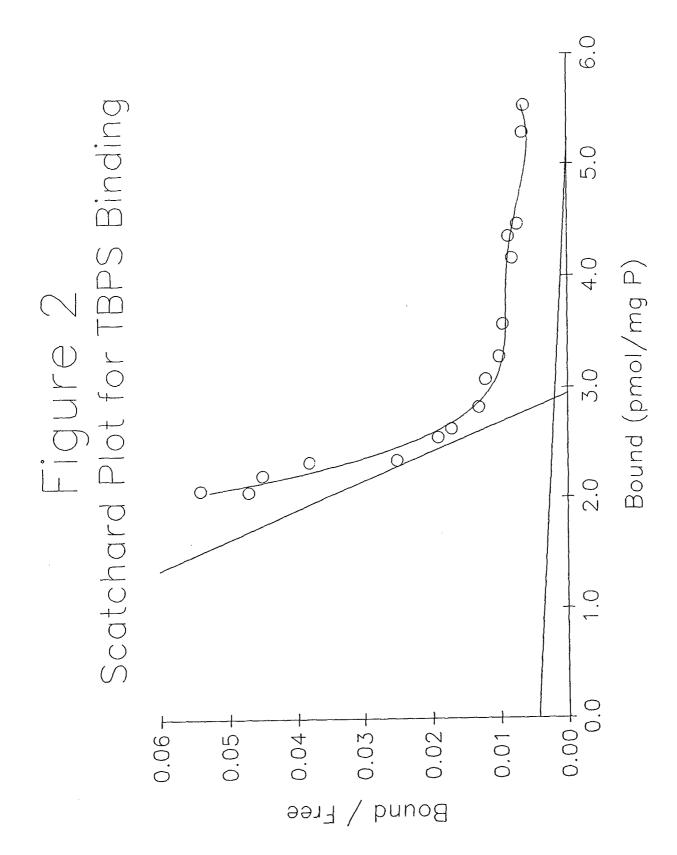
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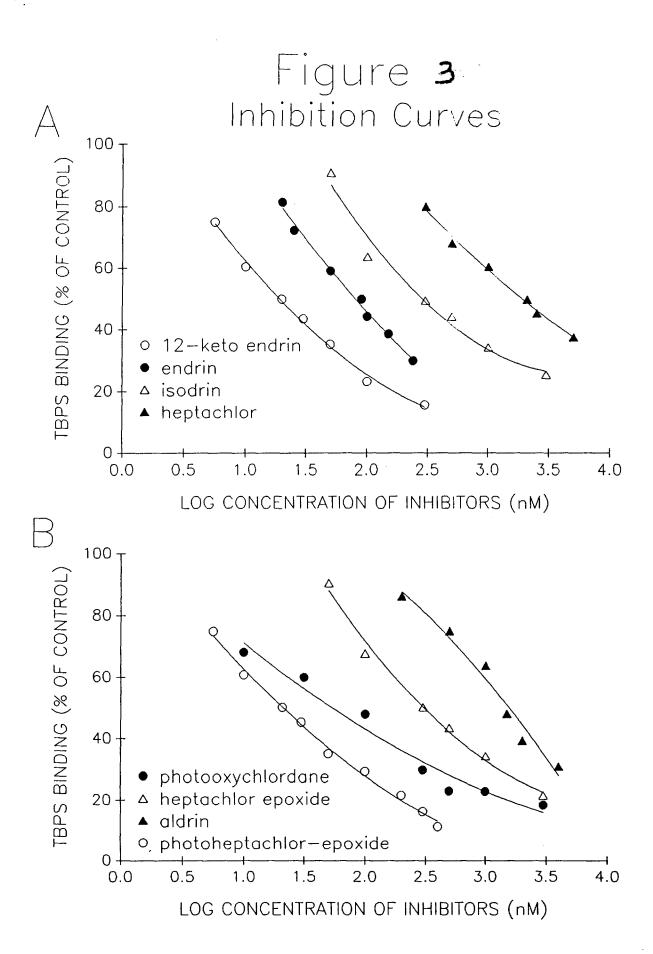
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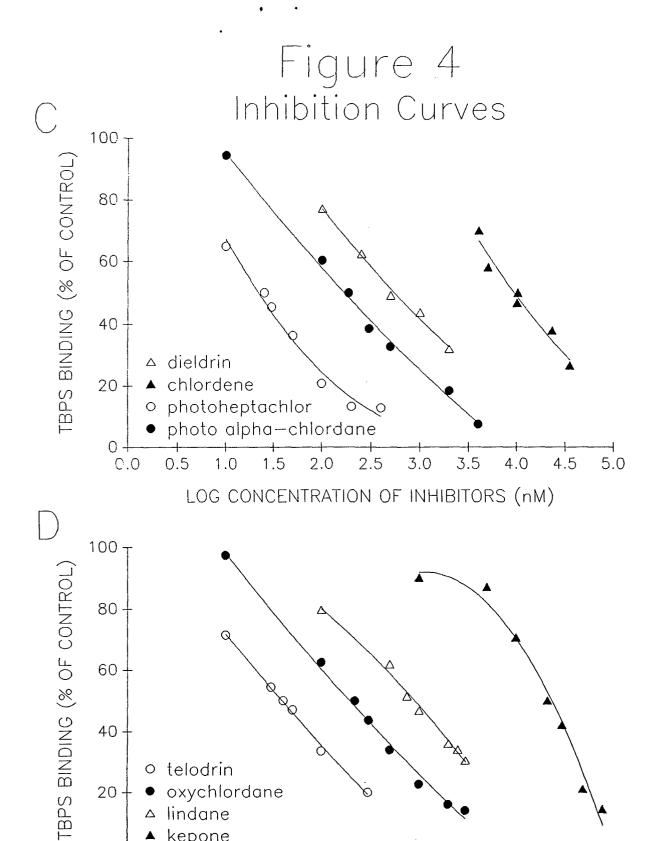
Compound	IC ₅₀ (nM)	96 hr LC ₅₀ (μG/L)	
Endrin	89.83	0.29	
Dieldrin	592.49	4.50	
Heptachlor	2073.74	25.00	
Aldrin	2140.28	53.00	
Chlordecone	21177.90	225.00	

¹ LC₅₀ data from Mayer and Ellersieck (1986).









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